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TAGS: ASEAN, UNGA

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: LUNCHEON FOR ASIAN GROUP
(S/S 7619911)

TO THE SECRETARY FROM HABIB AND HUMMEL

1. YOUR NEW YORK SCHEDULE HAS NOTHING PLANNED FOR LUNCH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. IN PAST YEARS YOU HAVE HOSTED A LUNCH FOR SEATO GROUP THAT INCLUDED FOUR EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER SCHEDULING FOR LUNCH FOR 30TH AN ASIAN GROUP, AND WE SUGGEST THAT NEATEST, MOST MANAGEABLE, AND LEAST ABRASIVE GUIDELINE WOULD BE TO CONSIST OF FIVE ASEAN COUNTRIES. OF ASEAN GROUP YOU WOULD CERTAINLY BE SEEING PHILIPPINE FONSEC ROMULO FOR A BILATERAL MEETING. IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER YOUR SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT APPOINTMENTS WITH ANY OTHER ASEANS, AND IN ANY EVENT SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA ARE NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR BILATERALS, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE REQUESTS IN.

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(N.B. YOUR UNGA SPEECH IS SCHEDULED FOR 9/30.)

3. WE SEE NO LOGICAL MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN SMALL, FIVE-MEMBER ASEAN GROUP, AND INVITATION TO NEARLY ALL FRIENDLY EAST ASIAN UN MEMBERS WHERE WE HAVE EMBASSIES. LATTER

WOULD TOTAL FOURTEEN INCLUDING THE SOUTH PACIFIC MINI-STATES: TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA, BUT EXCLUDING PRC AND LAOS.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU SCHEDULE ASEAN GROUP FOR LUNCH ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

APPROVE:

DISAPPROVE:

5. CLEARED BY: P:MR. HABIB, S:RAHERNE.

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